

REMARKS

The foregoing Preliminary Amendment is requested in order to delete the multiple dependent claims and avoid paying the multiple dependent claims fee.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE."

Early action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS

4. (amended) A collecting bag according to claim 1 ~~any of claims 1 to 3~~, characterized in that said accommodating means {8} comprises a retaining means {10} for holding the closure means {7} in said open receptacle in the position of use of the bag.
6. (amended) A collecting bag according to claim 1 ~~any of claims 1 to 5~~, characterized in that said basis portion {9} has cross-sectional dimensions corresponding to the dimensions of the closure device {7}.

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